

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/088,425

Examiner

Sonya Wright

Applicant(s)

SHIBASAKI ET AL.

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 15-18, now claims 1-9 respectively.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.  
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. ____.             |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. ____.               | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                  |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Dennis LaPointe on July 30, 2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, page 5, lines 1-2 delete "wherein in a process for preparing the compound represented by the formula (I), one of the following is used" and insert

--wherein a process for preparing the compound represented by the formula (II) comprises one of the following--.

In claim 1, page 5, lines 14-15, delete ", wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents the same as defined above and R<sub>2</sub> represents a hydrogen atom and salts thereof".

In claim 1, page 6, lines 8 and 9, delete ", wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> represent the same as defined above".

In claim 2, page 7, lines 1-2, delete "cyclized/hydrolyzed" and insert --cyclized and hydrolyzed--.

In claim 2, page 7, lines 7 and 8, delete "wherein a process for preparing the compound represented by the formula ((I), one of the following is used" and insert

--wherein a process for preparing the compound represented by the formula (II) comprises one of the following--.

In claim 2, page 8, lines 8 and 9, delete “, wherein  $R_1$  represents the same as defined above and  $R_2$  represents a hydrogen atom and salts thereof”.

In claim 2, page 8, lines 20 and 21, delete “, wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  represent the same as defined above”.

In claim 3, page 10, lines 2 and 3, delete “wherein a process for preparing the compound represented by the formula (I), one of the following is used” and insert

--wherein a process for preparing the compound represented by the formula (II) comprises one of the following--.

In claim 3, page 9, lines 8 and 9, delete “cyclized/hydrolyzed” and insert –cyclized and hydrolyzed--.

In claim 3, page 10, lines 15 and 16 delete “, wherein  $R_1$  represents the same as defined above and  $R_2$  represents a hydrogen atom and salts thereof”.

In claim 3, page 11, lines 11 and 12, delete “, wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  represent the same as defined above”.

In claim 5, page 11, delete “according to any of Claim 1 through Claim 4” and insert –as in any one of claims 1, 2, 3, and 4--.

In claim 15, page 16, lines 1 and 2, delete “according to any one of Claims 1 through 3” and insert –as in any one of claims 1, 2, and 3--.

In claim 17, page 18, delete “according to any one of Claims 1 through 3” and insert –as in any one of claims 1, 2, and 3--.

In claim 18, page 19, delete “according to any one of Claims 1 through 3” and insert –as in any one of claims 1, 2, and 3--.

In the specification, after "CARBOXAMIDOIMIDAZOLES AND INTERMEDIATES THEREOF" insert –This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/06397.--.

Cancel claims 6-14 and 19-21.

#### **STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record, Booth et al., J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans 1, 1987, teaches a process of preparing 5-amino-1H-imidazole-4-carboxamides. The instant process is drawn to the preparation of 5-amino-4-carboxamidoimidazoles. In the instant process, in step b) a starting material of formula (V),  $R_1CN$ , is reacted with diaminomaleonitrile in the presence of an acid, wherein  $R_1$  may be  $CH_3$ . In Booth et al., a  $CH_3CNCH_3$  group is reacted with diaminomaleonitrile in dry nitromethane. The instant process is patentable over Booth et al. because Booth et al. neither teach nor suggest step b) wherein the starting material is a compound of formula (V),  $R_1CN$ , wherein  $R_1$  may be  $CH_3$ , and wherein an acid is used.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sonya Wright, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (703) 308-4537. The Unofficial fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7922. The Official fax phone numbers for this Group are (703) 308-4556 or 305-3592.

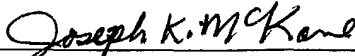
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Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [joseph.mckane@uspto.gov]. All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees will not communicate with applicant via Internet e-mail where sensitive data will be exchanged or where there exists a possibility that sensitive data could be identified unless there is of record an express waiver of the confidentiality requirements under 35 U.S.C. 122 by the applicant. See the Interim Internet Usage Policy published by the Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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